

**The International Atomic Agency (IAEA) will soon begin a search for a US representative on its Standing Advisory Committee on Technical Cooperation (IAEA/SAGTAC).**

The IAEA is a UN-affiliated agency based in Vienna, Austria and best known as the world's "nuclear watchdog," with strong emphasis in conducting safety and security inspections. It also plays a role in technical cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear applications, supporting technical assistance and training projects in about 100 countries. While the program is modest compared to USAID's development assistance portfolio, it has the strong support of the Member States (including the US) and the IAEA Director General, who recently added the word "development" to the official motto of the IAEA: "Atoms for Peace and Development." This year, the IAEA formally endorsed the new UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and is committed to carry out cooperation activities in support of nine of the 17 SDGs in areas such as agriculture, health and industry.

The SAGTAC is composed of individuals from some 20 nations representing both developing and developed countries. These individuals bring a variety of professional experiences in the sciences, academia and development.

SAGTAC meets annually for week-long structured deliberations to review the IAEA's technical cooperation programs and makes strategy, policy and management recommendations to the IAEA Director General and the Agency's Technical Cooperation Department.

A number of SAGTAC representatives are from the scientific side. Hence, a development perspective is especially valuable. That is why senior development professionals with USAID experience can make beneficial contributions to the IAEA. For the past several years the US representative on the SAGTAC has been a retired USAID alumnus with Mission Director and/or DAA experience and with a flexible schedule since SAGTAC meetings could take place at any time during the year.

The appointment to serve as the US representative on the SAGTAC is made by the Director General of the IAEA, based on suggestions from the US Energy Department, through the US Mission in Vienna. Appointments are made year-to-year and renewed as determined by the Director General and the USG. The person selected as US representative to serve on the SAGTAC is not considered a USG officer and his/her views and participation in the Committee's work are not treated as the views of the USG.

The US Energy Department pays for the usual transportation and per diem costs, as well as a very modest honorarium, to cover the US representative's expenses for the one week per year that the SAGTAC meets. The US SAGTAC representative is expected to keep both the Energy and State Departments informed on an informal basis on SAGTAC discussions and recommendations.

Please send expressions of interest, along with an updated CV highlighting relevant senior-level development experience to [frankalmaguer@aol.com](mailto:frankalmaguer@aol.com) by no later than June 30, 2016.